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STATINTL MEMORANDUM FOR

Central Intelligence Group

Subject: Classification, Declassification and
Downgrading Procedures

Enclosures: a. Serial No. 198
b. Serial No. 196
c. MI-3

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the second draft of a proposed Security Advisory Board policy relative to the procedures to be followed by nonmilitary agencies in the downgrading and declassification of classified material. It is realized by the Security Advisory Board that the Central Intelligence Group cannot be considered as a "nonmilitary agency" and therefore will not be affected by this policy. In view of the interest of the Central Intelligence Group in the protection of "intelligence sources and methods" in federal agencies and departments, however, it is believed that you might be interested in reviewing this regulation. Any comments and recommendations which you might wish to make will be considered by the Security Advisory Board.

2. The first draft of this regulation was reviewed by the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the Publication Board, Joint Security Control, the Bureau of the Budget, the Cryptographic Security Coordinating Committee, and certain interested offices in the State, War, and Navy Departments. Suggestions made by these agencies have been incorporated in the second draft wherever practicable. The regulation is now being forwarded to the Security Officers of nonmilitary agencies for comment before being issued as a Security Advisory Board policy.

3. You will note that a deadline of January 20, 1946, has been set for the return of comments from the Security Officers. It will be appreciated if any comments which you might have could be returned by that time.

4. MI-3 and Serial No. 196, also enclosed, are information copies only.

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